(d) the efforts made or being made by Government for getting vacation of the stay order in order to save the State Government from huge monetary loss due to stoppage of work?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SOMPAL): (a) to (d) In the matter of Civil Writ Petition No. 319/94 filed by Narmada Bachao Andolan in April, 1994 in the Supreme Court regarding Sardar Sarovar Project, the Hon'ble Supreme Court in its Order dated 5th May, 1995 ordered that for the time being the effective height of the dam would be maintained at EL 81.5 m.

The Government of Gujarat has filed an Interlocutory Application before the Supreme Court on 9.12.1996 seeking permission to raise the effective height of the Spillway portion of the Dam from the present level of 81.5 metre to 85 m. Union of India has also filed an Affidavit on 22.8.1996. alongwith an Application for directions with regard to construction of the Sardar Sarovar Dam without any constraint on height as long as it is built in accordance with Narmada Water Disputes Tribunal Award and requesting modification in the Supreme Court Order dated 5.5.1995. While hearing the matter on 3.3.1997, the Supreme Court held the view that no modification in the earlier interim order of 5.5.1995 is called for. The Union of India has also filed a 'Written Submission' on 11.4.1997 pleading that under Article 262 of the Constitution read with Section-11 of the Inter-State Water Disputes Act, 1956, the Supreme Court has no jurisdiction to go into the matter arising out of a water dispute. This issue of jurisdiction of the Supreme Court in the matter was referred by the Supreme Court vide its Order dated 29.4.1997 to the Constitution Bench hearing the Cauvery matter. However, the issues relating to the implementation of the Resettlement & Rehabilitation Measures of the Project Affected Families raised in the petition of the Narmada Bachao Andolan are being heard by the existing Bench of the Supreme Court. The matter was last heard on 16.4.1998 and has now been listed for further hearing on 13.8.1998.

LPG Connections given during Eighth Plan

*39. SHRI BHAGABAN MAJHI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the target fixed by Government for giving LPG connections in the country during the Eighth Five Year Plan;

(b) whether the target has been achieved; and

(c) if not, the details of the LPG connections given in every State During the said Plan period?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI K. RAMAMURTHY): (a) to (c) No target was fixed for allotment of LPG connections during the VIII Five Year Plan as a whole. The demand for LPG exceeds LPG availability from indigenous production and possible imports and therefore, new enrolment plans are drawn up on the basis of LPG availability on a year to year basis. The enrolment during the VIII Plan has been as follows:

Year	New LPG Enrolment (Lakhs) TARGET	ACTUAL
1992-93	7.5	8.7
1993-94	12.0	13.6
1994-95	20.00	22.9
1995-96	15.0	20.5
1996-97	20.0	23.4
TOTAL	'74.5	89.1